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TO: HOLDERS OF THE COMMUNITY CARE LICENSING MANUAL, TITLE 22, DIVISION 6,
CHAPTER 9.5, FOSTER FAMILY HOMES

Regulation Package #0303-06**Effective 1/9/04****Section 89317**

This manual letter has been posted on the Office of Regulations Development website at http://www.dss.cahwnet.gov/ord/FosterFami_629.htm.

Current regulations that govern community care facilities are inconsistent in providing anti-discrimination protections for applicants seeking licensure or certification. These amended regulations provide consistent anti-discrimination policy for applicants by conforming to existing anti-discrimination laws.

These regulations were considered at the Department's public hearing held on July 16, 2003.

FILING INSTRUCTIONS

Revisions to all manuals are indicated by a vertical line in the left margin. The attached pages are to be entered in your copy of the Manual of Policies and Procedures. The latest prior manual letter containing Community Care Licensing changes was Manual Letter No. CCL-04-06. The latest prior manual letter containing Foster Family Homes regulation changes was Manual Letter No. CCL-03-01.

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Article 3. LICENSE/APPROVAL STANDARDS**89317 APPLICANT QUALIFICATIONS****89317**

- (a) Any adult shall be permitted to apply for a license regardless of age, sex, race, religion, color, political affiliation, national origin, disability, marital status, actual or perceived sexual orientation, or ancestry.
- (b) An applicant shall have the following qualifications:
 - (1) Ability to provide care and supervision appropriate to the type of children to be served including ability to communicate with the children.
 - (2) Knowledge of and ability to comply with the applicable laws and regulations.
 - (3) Ability to maintain, or supervise the maintenance of, financial and other records.
 - (4) Ability to direct the work of others when applicable.
- (c) An applicant for a foster family home license shall complete an orientation provided by the licensing/approval agency.

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1530, 1530.5, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; and Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001). Reference: Sections 1501, 1501.1, 1507, 1507.2, 1507.5, 1520, 1525.3, 1526.5, 1529.1, 1529.2, 1529.3, 1530.91, 1531, and 1562, Health and Safety; and Section 51, Civil Code.

89319 CRIMINAL RECORD CLEARANCE REQUIREMENT**89319**

All persons subject to criminal record review shall obtain a criminal record clearance from the California Department of Social Services or county as appropriate. Such review will require submission of completed fingerprints pursuant to Health and Safety Code Section 1522. The licensing/approval agency will also conduct a search of the Child Abuse Clearance Index and child abuse records. The licensing/approval agency may conduct an authorized search of the California Law Enforcement Telecommunications System (CLETS).

NOTE: Authority cited: Sections 1530, 1530.5, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; and Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001). Reference: Sections 1501, 1501.1, 1522 and 1522.1, Health and Safety Code.

89323 EMERGENCY PLAN**89323**

- (a) Each caregiver shall post emergency telephone numbers, discuss emergency situations with children, practice emergency procedures every six months and at time of new placements.

NOTE: Authority Cited: Sections 1530, 1530.5, and 1531, Health and Safety Code; and Section 21 of Assembly Bill (AB) 1695 (Chapter 653, Statutes of 2001). Reference: Sections 1501, 1501.1, 1520 and 1531, Health and Safety Code.

89361 REPORTING REQUIREMENTS**89361**

- (a) Each caregiver shall furnish to the licensing/approval agency and the child's authorized representative such reports as required by the Department including but not limited to the following:
- (1) Death of any child from any cause.
 - (2) Any injury or illness to any child which requires medical treatment.